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Sailing by the Wind of the Spirit

Just as Christmas begins, not ends, on Christmas Day so Easter begins on Easter day and continues for 40 days through to Ascension Day in May (18th May this year). So the question in May should be not 'did you have a good Easter?' but 'are you having a good Easter?' So are you having a good Easter? Are you experiencing the resurrection power of Jesus in your life? Now we know that his resurrection power was not fully realised until the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon his apostles in a wonderful way to equip them for the work Jesus had called them to. And so as we approach Pentecost I want us to think more about the Holy Spirit – sometimes referred to as the neglected person of the Trinity!

In the summer of 2017 I embarked on a sailing retreat/pilgrimage. Most people who go on retreat will spend time at a retreat house or a religious community; that has never particularly appealed to me. I think I would get too introspective and perhaps a little bored! So I set off across the Irish sea in my boat and eventually arrived in Arklow. I was reading a book by Paula Gooder entitled 'Body'. In it she points out that the Hebrew word ruah means 'breath' or 'wind' or 'Spirit'; similarly, the Greek word pneuma means 'wind' or 'Spirit' (which is where the English word 'pneumatic' comes from). So for example in John 3:8 Jesus said, 'The wind (pneuma) blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit (pneuma).' Having just sailed across the Irish sea it struck me that in a wonderful way it was the Wind or Spirit of God that had powered me across the water and that the same Wind or Spirit of God was within me and giving me life. The following morning (Sunday) I was reading Psalm 150, and as I read 'praise him with the clash of cymbals' the wind (God's Spirit?) gusted through the rigging in the marina creating a sound like cymbals as the halyards hit the masts! After some answered prayer I found myself at a church in Redcross where I experienced a wonderful time of blessing and release. For me it is often in times of sung worship that the Holy Spirit comes upon me and fills me afresh. On this occasion it felt that God had orchestrated the worship just for me! We were led in a song which could not have been more meaningful to me on my sailing pilgrimage. The song included this verse:

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails,
The anchor in the waves;
Oh, He is my song.

By this stage I was kneeling on the floor with tears falling; tears of release and freedom and joy, as I experienced afresh the filling of God's Spirit.

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The Lord is indeed the King of my heart, the wind inside my sails and the anchor in the waves. And he is my song; by his Spirit I will continue to sing unto him as long as I live.

May you also experience the release and freedom and joy of the Holy Spirit.

John

Church News & Events

An hour of quiet reflection

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Baptism	Leusdon	2nd April	Henrietta Joy McCarthy
Baptism	Widecombe	2nd April	Bastien Geoffrey Warne

Rainfall in March 2023

Place	Total Rainfall	Days without rain	Wettest Days
Postbridge	342.2mm (13.5")	4	30th 59.2mm (2.3")
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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Service
14th May	18.00	Holy Communion
21st May	09.00	Holy Communion at Huccaby
28th May	17.00	Evening Worship

The coronation of a monarch whilst a solemn and religious rite, involves a great deal of joyful music and words of praise to God. At this time perhaps from a personal point of view, but certainly from a national and international perspective, it can be difficult to find things to say 'thank you' for. Even more difficult than understanding where God might be in all this, and why Christians continue to praise and thank him.

The Book of Psalms in the Bible, which is the Hebrew prayer and hymn book, contains far more songs of lament or cries for help than it does thanks and praise to God. This tells us not that there is nothing to say thank you for, but rather what we experience today, is just part of the human condition.

One of the practices suggested by the founder of the Jesuit Order, St. Ignatius of Loyola, was to think about what we can be grateful for each day. This exercise is not just for people of faith, and it can make a real difference if done first thing in the morning. Focusing on the positive aspects of life rather than the negative ones can alter how you feel for the rest of the day.

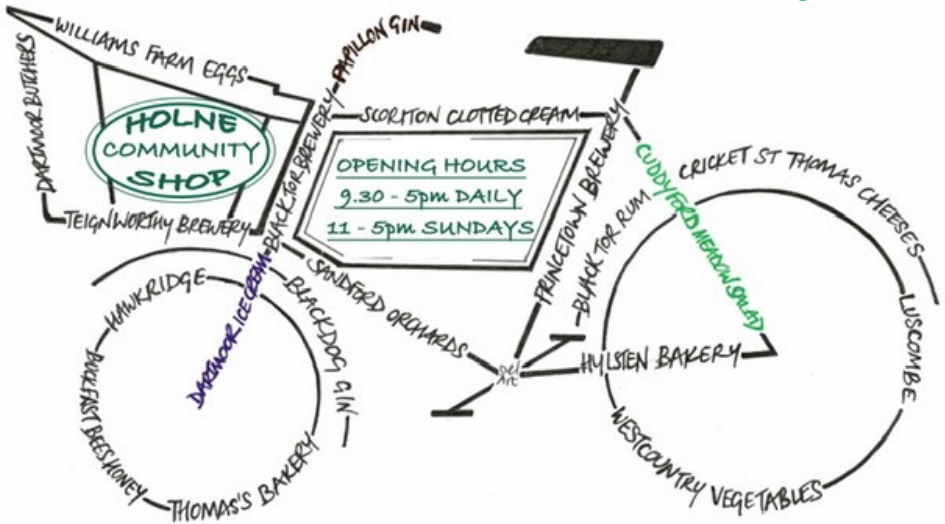
Even in the bleakest times, there is always something to be grateful for – a flower in the hedgerow, birdsong, sunshine or rain, finding a car parking space and so on. If you want to thank God for whatever small thing that has been good, here are some words from Psalm 66:

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise
For you, O God, have tested us;
Yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.
I will tell you what he has done for me.
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Gillian

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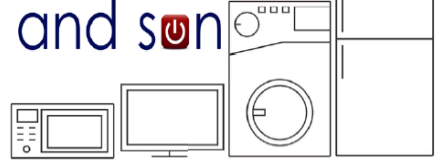


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While national newspapers, radio and television will probably - by the time you read this - have provided extensive details about the Coronation, for us involved in community magazines, we can provide a valuable record of our local events that the national media ignore. Let us not forget that there will be other events, not only during the first week of May, but throughout the rest of the month. A welcome break from the Coronation?

Potentially, there may be many hundreds of millions of eyes around the world turning towards London during the first week of May - when King Charles III and Queen Camilla are crowned. In 1953 when Queen Elizabeth II was crowned it was estimated that in the UK alone 27 million people from a population of 36 million watched her Coronation on television and there was no internet then.

It was 40 years later that the World Wide Web was opened to the public by the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN). In January this year there were 5.16 billion internet users worldwide, that's almost 65% of the world's population and almost all of them will have the opportunity to watch the Coronation. Some of us will be doing that at community events in our Churches.

While we are all enjoying the good news and celebrations of the Coronation during the first week of May, there will probably be some charities and associations who would have preferred it to have been held at a different time because it clashes with their annual fund and awareness raising events. So, if you would like a welcome break from the Coronation consider supporting some of the following events that are being held from 1-8 May:

1 – 7 May: Maternal Mental Health Awareness Week 2023 organised by the Perinatal Mental Health Partnership UK (PMHP UK). Each day will have a different theme designed to raise public and professional awareness of perinatal mental health problems; advocating for women and families impacted by it; changing attitudes; and helping people access the information, care and support they need to recover. More details from:

<https://maternalmentalhealthalliance.org/news/maternal-mental-health-awareness-week-2023/>

1 – 7 May: Sun Awareness Week 2023 organised by the British Association of Dermatologists. It marks the start of a summer long campaign to provide people with information so they can practice sun safety. This year's focus will be on the need for sun protection in the UK climate and aims to tackle misconceptions that sun protection is rarely needed in the UK.

<https://www.bad.org.uk/sun-awareness-week-2023/>

2 – 8 May: Deaf Awareness Week 2023 run by the UK Council on Deafness. The theme this year is deaf inclusion within our communities and access to communication. The aim is to highlight the impact of hearing loss on everyday life and increase visibility and inclusion of deaf people.

<https://ukcod.org/deaf-awareness-week-2023/>

1 – 7 May: National Gardening Week 2023 organised by the Royal Horticultural Society. This annual event started in 2012 and is now the nation's biggest celebration of gardening. It aims to raise

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awareness of the difference that gardens and gardening can make to the lives of everyone in the UK. It inspires more people, particularly the young, to experience the joy of growing and creating beautiful green spaces. This year it has a royal theme.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/get-involved/national-gardening-week/>

2 – 8 May: Viral Meningitis Awareness Week 2023. The organisers' vision is that in the future no-one in the UK loses their life to meningitis and everyone affected gets the support they need to rebuild their lives. More details from:

<https://www.meningitisnow.org/support-us/news-centre/public-affairs/campaigns/viral-meningitis-week/>

Don't forget The Ascension, Whit Sunday and Pentecost are also in May!

The Christian year revolves around four important celebrations that define our faith: Christmas, Easter, the Ascension, and Pentecost. This year Ascension is on Thursday 18 May and Pentecost is on Sunday 28 May.

In the UK, in the days when Christians were baptised and confirmed into the Church at Pentecost it also became known as Whit Sunday or Whitsun, the name being derived from the fact the candidates being baptised and confirmed would wear white clothes, a symbol of purity that dates from ancient Egypt and Rome. The Pope, for example, has worn white since 1566, as a symbol of purity and sacrifice. Likewise, the day Jesus ascended to heaven is sometimes known as Whit Thursday – and sometimes Holy Thursday.

Whichever way you look at the Ascension and Pentecost, their timing is clearly a very powerful message of God's purpose for his Creation revealed to us through the completeness and wholeness of Christ.

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Service
7th May	16.00	Evensong
14th May	12.00	Christian Aid Service
21st May	12.00	Rogation Service
28th May	12:00	Parish Communion

Leusdon Church is open all day, every day. You are welcome to visit at any time – an opportunity to sit quietly, say a prayer and enjoy our beautiful building.

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Any queries, please contact Revd Geoffrey Fenton (Team Vicar) 01364 621334

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Leusdon Memorial Hall

1923-2023

Our April Coffee Morning was successful and attracted the usual number of people including a contingency of younger members of the Community who appeared to enjoy the whole activity, thanks to everyone's support, we raised £158.00 for Hall funds.

Our next coffee morning on May 3rd, at the usual time, is a special one to commemorate the Coronation. We shall have a special Coronation Cake along with a toast to the King and Queen and conclude with us all singing the National Anthem accompanied by Geoffrey playing the Keyboard. There will also be an Exhibition of Old Leusdon including Coronation and Jubilee celebrations in the district, Terry French and Geoff Bamsey are coordinating this and we are very grateful for their input. We hope to see you there.

You can now keep up to date by visiting Leusdon Memorial Hall Facebook page to get details of events in the Hall, thanks to our social media team.

There will be the usual Whist at Leusdon on Monday 8th May with the lunch at 1.00pm followed by whist at 2.00pm.

On Tuesday 6th June 2023 at 7.30pm it is our AGM, I hope that many of you will attend as without continuing support from the Community both on the committee and helping with events, the Hall will not survive in its present form. This is something I urge everyone to think about and come along on June 6th.

We will be celebrating our centenary celebrations which will culminate with an event on 19th October 100 years after the opening. We have acquired the help of Terry French and Geoff Bamsey who will arrange an exhibition of the various events that have taken place in Leusdon since the Hall opened. Kelly Aiers has offered her help to promote the Hall on Social media alongside Emma Routley. We are extremely grateful to everyone who supports us in this way, or any other way come to that.

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e mail: leusdonmemorialhall@yahoo.com

Tables at the Coffee Morning can be booked for £5 per table per session, please either book these by using the details above or coming to see us at the coffee morning.

In the meantime, if anyone would like to discuss any aspect of the Hall please contact myself or any committee member. Ideas for the centenary commemoration are especially welcome.

My contact details are; John Southcombe e mail: johnsouthcombe@hotmail.com

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News from the East Shallowford Trust



The head swivels around, eyes narrow, fix on mine and the question is asked, 'Do you ever have any drug takers?' Every now and then, some organisation off the moors will ask for a 'talk' about Shallowford. It's a tricky one, trying to combine the long history and yet our recent reincarnation, holding on to the original objectives which seem scarily more pertinent now than when they were conceived some fifty years ago.

I draw breath! Being disadvantaged does not mean you are evil, a bad person or a danger to others. Being urban, does not mean you come from some Dickensian, dingy, dysfunctional, theft ridden, smog filled street. There are plenty of rural drug abusers and wonderful people living in horrible circumstances in both urban and rural housing. Think of the wonderful stories that were recanted after the 2019 Grenfell Tower fire. Jon Snow told the story of his encounter with 'Firdaws' who gained an award from Bill Gates, and "had been described as the most intelligent, wise, eloquent girl. I was fortunate enough to witness first hand and since then I often think what might she have become? What were her life chances once she had been picked out in this way? Could she have prevailed over the fractures in our society and succeeded?" He said many of the people who lived in Grenfell had been "casually written off as nameless migrants, scroungers, illegals and the rest". "Actually, and it should be no shock to us, the tower was full of talent"

And, so, when the young people who visit us at Shallowford sit quietly in the corner, looking sad or lost, we wonder where their minds are anchored. Can we haul them into light and life, to give joy for those who are struggling? Sometimes we worry about the quiet ones, sometimes it's the noisy ones who are covering some deep lurking concern. Sometimes, it is as simple as being brave enough to reach out and feel the wet warmth of a little snout and connect with another sentient being.

When the children have learned that a 'ewe' is not an Americanism exclamation for puckered up distaste, but a female sheep. When they have made their bed, discovered that modernity has struck the moors and we do have hot showers and when they have been issued with our standard green 'togs' of waterproof trousers, jacket and a pair of wellies, we venture out across the bottom of the Ball to Jordon. One team member leads and one remains at the back. We stop, we look up, through the broad arms of the winter oak, poking, reaching, stretching in convoluted twists towards the sky.

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Maureen



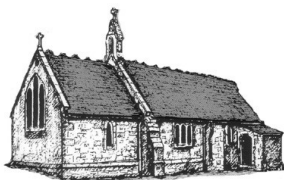
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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Service
2nd May	19:30	An Hour of Quiet Reflection
14th May	09.00	Holy Communion BCP
21st May	18.00	Rogation Service

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Any queries, please contact Revd Geoffrey Fenton (Team Vicar) 01364 621334

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Last week, we stopped quickly and hushed everyone as we heard a squeal of tumbling excitement. Two otters playing in fields near the Ball.

I find my hands grabbed by two children, one boy, one girl, looking up, looking down, chattering to cover up nervous tremors evoked by whisps of cold damp air curling around red little cheeks.

Persistently, one girl, ten years old grabs my hand at every opportunity. Along the walk, when back in the house, when moving sheep, when passing each other in the passage. I ask her teacher. She is chatty, as in she never stops chatting, dances around, seems cheerful, engaged and always sprightly. She is happy to try different food and often twists her shoulders to dance and giggle in front of the line, swishing her long brown hair across her shoulders. But there is something.



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The teacher explains that her Mother found a new partner. The partner refused to accept this particular daughter, so she was passed on to her grandparents. Their house is tiny with fourteen people living inside. The ten year old is required to take care of the younger children, get them ready for school, for nursery, help with their feeding, entertainment and care. Yet she goes to school with no lunch box herself. She has no coat as winter draws in.



She is tired, she barely engages in class, she regularly falls asleep. The teachers have to dig around to find out what is going on. They call in the grandparents for a discussion. 'Who is taking care of the one child that is caring for all the youngest children and some of the adults in this house?' She is ten years old! The grandparents listen and agree that things will change. The girl is given a lunch box with food, she has more sleep, she is able to concentrate in class and starts to read well. She is selected and allowed to come to Shallowford. She sees people who will hug her and listen. She hugs the dogs, she scratches the pigs, she hugs the sheep, lays the table, helps in the kitchen. She chats away, she holds hands. Not just my hand, but any adult for contact, for security, for attention. She has contact. She is important, she has place and purpose within the group.

If you did not know her history you would see a skinny annoying kid on the street. It would be easy to ignore her, perhaps to be annoyed by her if she peered up into your face seeking some affirmation or perhaps, she would scuttle away feeling scorn and rejection yet again. 'Give me a child until he is seven and I will give you the man.' wrote Aristotle. All of our children are beyond the age of seven. One teacher did say that she used to work in Secondary School, but actually switched to Primary because she felt it was where a greater impact could be made. We do the little that we can. A little chat one on one with the loud bully, or a side hug with the withdrawn one, or a gentle hand on the shoulder of the one who has faked being sick to gain attention. There is always a reason. None of these are 'bad' individuals. Some brains are wired differently, but evil and threatening? No..... just unaware of their place in the world, that we all need to give as well as receive no matter what colour, what ethnic origin, whether from town or city. We are all human and need love, space and the freedom to find out who we are. Last week we discovered a shepherd in a lad who could not describe a sheep before he came. We found a cook in a lad who only ate chicken nuggets, we found a perfectionist sweeper in a girl who on first encounter was terrified of the pigs and one boy slept through the night for the first time in months. It must be that Dartmoor pixie magic again!


Julia

Church Services for May 2023

2nd May		An Hour of Quiet Reflection			
Postbridge	19.30	Quiet Reflection			
7th May		Easter 5		White	
<i>Readings - Acts 7.55-60, Psalm 31.1-5,15-16*, 1 Peter 2.2-10, John 14.1-14</i>					
Widecombe	10.30	All Age Service	Ashburton	08.00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	16.00	Evensong	Bickington	09.00	Family Communion
			Ashburton	10.30	Community Coronation Service
			Illesington	10.30	Coronation Celebration Service
			Ashburton	10.30	Methodist Communion, Church Hall *
			Buckland	15.00	Community Coronation Service, Village Hall
Saturday 13th May					
Ashburton	16.00-18.00	Messy Church - St Andrew's Church and Hall			
14th May		Easter 6		White	
<i>Readings - Acts 17.22-31, Psalm 66.7-18, 1 Peter 3.13-22, John 14.15-21</i>					
Postbridge	09.00	Holy Communion BCP	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
Widecombe	10.30	Christian Aid Service	Illesington	10.30	Holy Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Christian Aid Service	Ashburton	10.30	Methodist Service, Town Hall*
			Holne	18.00	Holy Communion
21st May		Easter 7		White	
<i>Readings - Acts 1.6-14, Psalm 68.1-10,32-35*, 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11, John 17.1-11</i>					
Widecombe	10.30	Rogation Service	Huccaby	09.00	Holy Communion
Leusdon	12.00	Rogation Service	Ashburton	10.30	All Age Communion
Postbridge	18.00	Rogation Service	Bickington	10.30	Morning Worship
			Illesington	10.30	Holy Communion
			Buckland	15.00	Holy Communion
			Ashburton	18.30	Celtic Reflective Service, St Petrocs, East Street*
Thursday 25th May					
Ashburton	18.30	Methodist Open Air Communion, St Andrew's Church Garden*			

28th May		Pentecost (Whit Sunday)		Red	
Readings - Acts 2.1-21 or Numbers 11.24-30, Psalm 104.26-36,37b*, 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 or Acts 2.1-21, John 20.19-23 or John 7.37-39					
Widcombe	10.30	Parish Communion	Ashburton	09.15	Breakfast Church, Church Hall*
Leusdon	12.00	Parish Communion	Ashburton	10.30	Parish Communion
			Ilington	10.30	Pentecost Praise
			Holne	17.00	Evening Worship
* Service led by Ashburton Methodists. All are welcome.					

Holy Communion Midweek & At Home

<p>There is a service of Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10.30 at St. Andrew's Church in Ashburton You will be most welcome!</p>		<p>Communion at home If you would like to receive Home Communion please contact Mark or Geoffrey. <i>(see page 2 for contact details)</i></p>
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SUNDAY 7th MAY 2023



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Ilsington Village Shop Committee

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Church Services—see Page 22 for details

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Coffee	Flowers
7th May	10.30	Wendy Beard	Rose Mortimore	Penny Whale
14th May	10.30	Beth	Brenda Boston	Penny Whale
18th May	Wedding			
21st May	10.30	Peter B	Kriss and Peter	Mary Down
28th May	10.30	Clare	Beth	Mary Down

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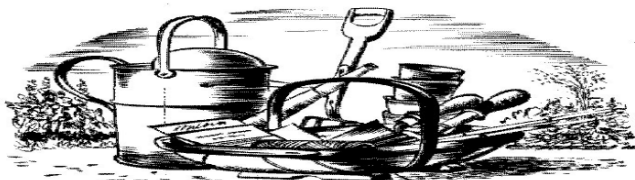
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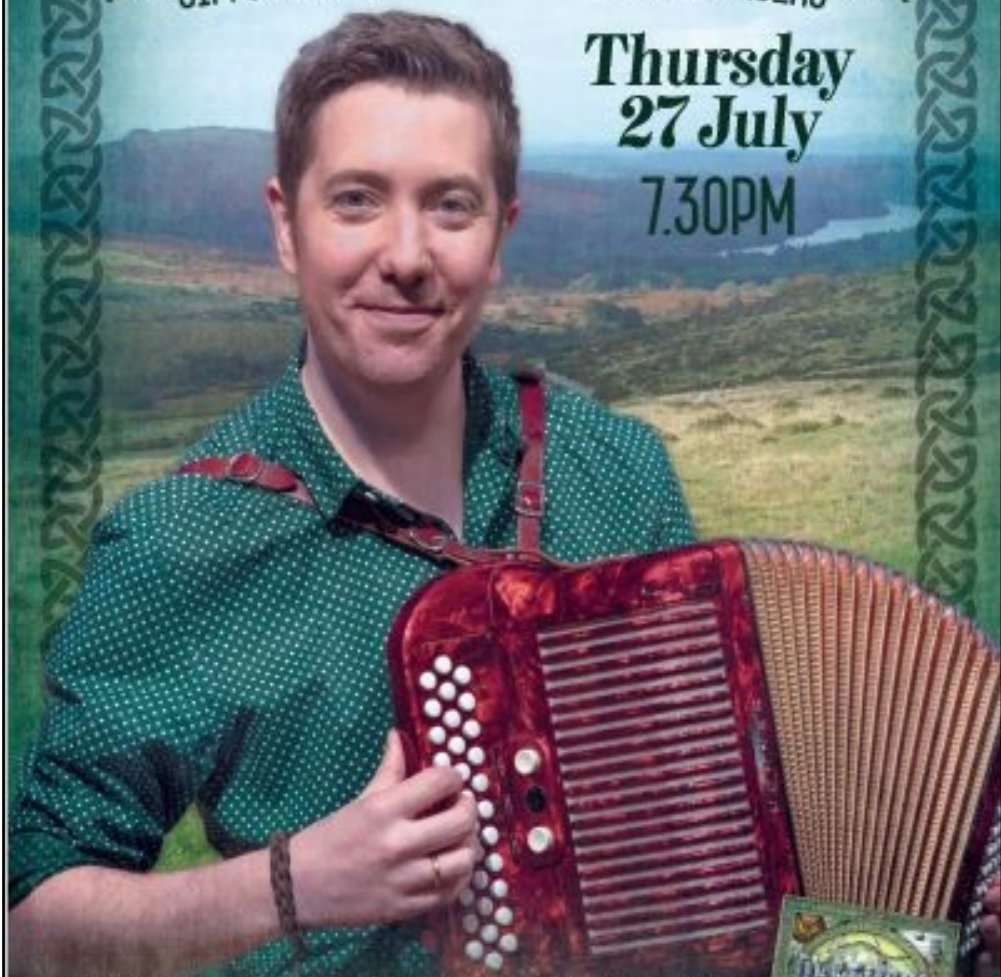
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3. 3 onions grown from sets or seeds
4. 3 carrots Trimmed and washed
5. 3 beetroot Trimmed and washed
6. 6 runner beans
7. Longest runner bean
8. Any squash or courgette
9. Peppers or chillies (2 of either variety)
10. Any vegetable not otherwise mentioned.
11. A comedy vegetable
12. 4 Tomatoes
13. 4 varieties of culinary herbs in a jar.
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15. 3 Dahlias
16. A single Rose
17. A single stem, any flower.
18. 3 Hydrangea flower stems.
19. A vase of 9 mixed flowers (3 of each variety)
20. A pot plant. Just foliage or flowering.
21. A woodland arrangement (leaves, berries twigs etc)
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23. An arrangement of flowers in a teacup.
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29. A picture or card using paper/dried/pressed flowers
30. Any craft item not mentioned
31. A photo. Subject; ' Moody Dartmoor'
32. A short poem.

Children's Classes

Children 7 and under for the Tame cup.



33. Garden on a plate
34. A Happy Pizza
35. A lego Model
36. Pebble Art
37. 4 decorated cup cakes
38. A collage picture

Children 8 to 12 for the Hutchins cup

Home Produce

The Rose Bowl

39. A tasty fruit tart
40. A decorated Coronation Chocolate Cake
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41. A Traditional Victoria sponge
42. A cheese and onion pasty.
43. A rustic brown loaf
44. 4 sausage rolls
45. A plate of 6 biscuits (2 varieties, 3 of each).
46. A Jar of marmalade (Any citrus fruit)
47. A jar of chutney.
48. A bottle of homemade drink. Cordial, cider, beer, wine etc.

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Ministers: Rev'd Kevin Hooke (01626) 832369

Church contacts: Nigel Davis (01364) 631476 or Serena Walcot (01364) 631279

Sunday Service

Dunstone - Informal service at 3pm in Dunstone Chapel every week and all are welcome.

Poundsgate - the next service will be on **Sunday 7th May at 15.00.**

Dunstone Charity Lunches

These are held monthly on the second Wednesday in the month.

The next Charity Lunch at Dunstone Chapel will be held on

Wednesday 10th May from 12 noon until 3pm.

There will be soup, bread, sushi, savory dishes, salads and cakes. There is no set price but you are asked to make as generous donation as possible for whichever charity we are collecting for that month.

Two in one this month, can you spot the 9 differences between the two pictures? When you find them all you can colour the picture-too!!



Holders of the George Cross

I was fascinated to know who were the youngest recipients of the George Cross which is this country's second highest award for bravery. The answer was quite a surprise. The award was made to an 11-year-old girl Doreen Ashburnham and her 8-year-old cousin Anthony Farrar* (see footnote). Doreen Ashburnham was born in Rye in Sussex but the family emigrated to Lake Vancouver Island in Canada when she was very young.



In September 1916 she and her cousin Anthony Farrar were out walking in the woods near their home when they were attacked by an 8 ft long adult cougar. The cougar attacked Doreen first chewing her shoulder and 'butt'. The animal then attacked Anthony ripping flesh from his back and scalp. Doreen fought the animal beating it with her fists, jabbing it in the eyes, and in desperation sticking her right arm in the cougar's mouth in an attempt to stop it biting her cousin. Eventually the animal was distracted and ambled off. The pair staggered back to their home and after a long period in hospital both made a full recovery. In February 1917 Doreen and Anthony were both awarded the Albert Medal for their bravery.

In 1941 Albert Medal holders were offered an exchange of their medal for the newly created George Cross, and this offer Doreen accepted.

In 1935 Doreen trained as a pilot, and following her marriage in 1942 she worked by ferrying war planes from the United States to Europe to help in the war effort.

Doreen died in California in 1991 aged 86.

*In 1931, whilst serving in the Canadian Armed forces Anthony suffered a fatal accident on a rifle range and was therefore not included in the George cross exchange.

David Ashman

MUSIC AT ST ANDREW'S



At St Andrew's Church in Ashburton we have a robed choir and a worship band. If you enjoy singing or play an instrument, we would love you to join us.

Please contact William West, Choir Co-ordinator to find out more about joining the choir: william1208west@me.com

Please contact Denise Robinson, Music Group Co-ordinator to find out more about joining the worship band: deniserobinson111@gmail.com

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Other Community News and Events

Princetown History Club

meets **1st Tuesday** of each month at
Princetown Community Centre
7 for 7.30pm

May 2nd A talk by Layland Branfield about his farm at Moorlands

June 6th A walk around Mardon Down, led by Andy Crabb, DNPA archaeologist

For further information, please contact

Mr John Lissenden

phone 01752 47573

email jlissenden@talktalk.net

Mr Bill Radcliffe

email bill.radcliffe2@btopenworld.com

Web Site princetownhistoryclub.weebly.com



Messy Church is an informal, creative type of church service where attendees learn about the Christian faith through 'doing'.

We finish each session with a home-cooked, 2-course meal. 😊

- investigate
- explore
- discuss
- share & show
- games
- science
- crafts
- music
- drama

Next session:
Saturday
13th May
2023

St Andrew's Church
Ashburton
4-6pm (meal at 5:15pm)
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Community Coronation Service

SUNDAY 7TH MAY | 10.30AM

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Denise Robinson:
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Bickington Craft and Vintage Fair

We had our first Fair on Easter eve and the support of the community was amazing with people coming to Bickington from across the moor to enjoy the fantastic craft stalls...
and enjoy the bacon rolls

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We meet on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH in PRINCETOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE** at 7.30pm. Our meetings usually finish around 9 to 9.30pm. On the **SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH** we hold a free tea, coffee and cakes slot. Donations gratefully received. This is held at Princetown Community Centre 11am to 12.30.

NEW ST ANDREW'S AV TEAM

We would like to set-up a volunteer Audio Visual (AV) team to operate the sound desk and our presentation software during some church services and events.

If you have some AV experience or would like to learn some simple tech skills as part of a supportive group, please come to our AV training session in the church on **Saturday 15th April from 9:30am to 11:30am**. (Refreshments will be provided.)

If you would like to help out with AV but are unable to attend, please email admin@moorlandteam.org.uk to register your interest.

Many thanks.



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Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



Extracts from the meeting on 28th March 2023

Do you have what it takes to be a Parish Councillor?

We continue to have two vacancies to be filled within the Princetown ward. Council is keen to fill these vacancies as soon as possible. If you are interested in representing the views of local people and having your say about issues people care about, please contact the Clerk for more information.

Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7pm on 23rd May at Princetown Community Centre. All are welcome to attend to find out more about what the Council does and its plans for the future.

King's Coronation – Big Lunch - 7th May at Princetown Community Centre



Connecting with residents

If you would like to keep up to date with issues being dealt with by the Parish Council please email clerk@dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk with 'Add me to the Email List' as the subject. You will then receive periodic e-mails, such as the agenda and minutes of meetings etc.

Date of next 'Tidy Princetown' session: 10am til 11am Sunday 7th May 2023, all are welcome to join with the Councillors to help keep Princetown looking at its best, meet outside the Post Office, Princetown

Dates of next meetings: Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 7.00pm, followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm at Princetown Community Centre

Agenda and Minutes: <https://www.dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings.php>

Follow us on Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/dartmoorforestpc.net>

Parish Clerk: Miss Jackie Bennetts

Telephone: 01822 859104

Email: clerk@dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk **Website:** www.dartmoorforestparishcouncil.gov.uk

Business Directory

In each issue of the Parish Link we promote businesses across the Parish and surrounding area, these businesses support us and enable us to publish this magazine for the local community. If you are looking for a great local business then look below. Next to each business is the page where they appear in this issue. If you call them, please let them know you found them in the Parish Link.

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Widcombe Sports Group

Spring is well and truly upon us, the season of expectancy following the inactivity of winter, the fields bubbling with spring lambs and for many a busy time sowing, potting and propagating as we gather momentum for the growing season, don't forget it's National Gardening week 1-7 May, see Tony Parker's article on [page 11](#). I am an experimental gardener and learn as much from my mistakes as I do from my successes, you cannot learn unless you at least try and I do so enjoy the growing process, from a few seeds popped into soil, add the right amount of light and warmth and bingo, green shoots and ultimately flowers and food that will make it on to our tables or maybe an entry for the



Widcombe Fair produce tent!!

As you can see in this edition of the link, in addition to our regular events, communities will be coming together to celebrate the Coronation, with picnics, parades, fireworks, concerts, fun and games, something for everyone, do get involved and make some memories during this historic occasion! We are already receiving notices for the summer, I am sure there are many committees planning events for the coming months, so please do let us know, the link is a great way to get the word out!

Thank you for the feedback on the new colour cover, which has been well received. We will continue with this and if anyone has a topical photo that they would like to see on the front cover of the magazine do send it in. We cannot promise that your photo will be published but all will be considered. 😊 For any photos, articles, notices please do get in touch via link@moorlandteam.org.uk

With best wishes from "The Link Team"

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